

ORIGINS OF THE COLD WAR

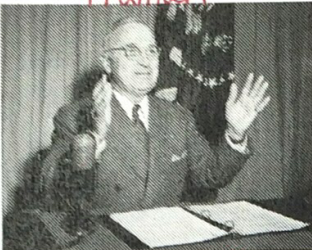

What is the Cold War?

1945-1990

- era of confrontation, competition + tension b/w communist Soviet Union + democratic US

Post World War II Goals

NO REAL FIGHTING
"hot spots"

For the United States	 Truman	For the Soviet Union	 Stalin
promote democracy / self-determination		suspicious of capitalism / promote communism	
fix global economy		control countries b/w Ger. + Soviet Union	
promote internationalism		secure border - Germany invades	
help rebuild Europe + Germany		Keep Germany weak	

Yalta Conference - February 1945

FDR, Churchill, Stalin

① Divide Ger. into 4 regions



② Declaration of Liberated Europe: asserts people's right to choose own govt + have free elections

③ Poland:

Soviets set up comm. govt. but allow democratic leader to have govt position + hold free election

Result:

- No free election held
- Poland + Romania are communist

TENSION

April FDR dies

Potsdam Conference - July 1945

Truman vs. Stalin (suspicious of Stalin)

① Stalin wants reparation from Germany

Truman: Allies can only take rep. from their sector (help Ger. rebuild)

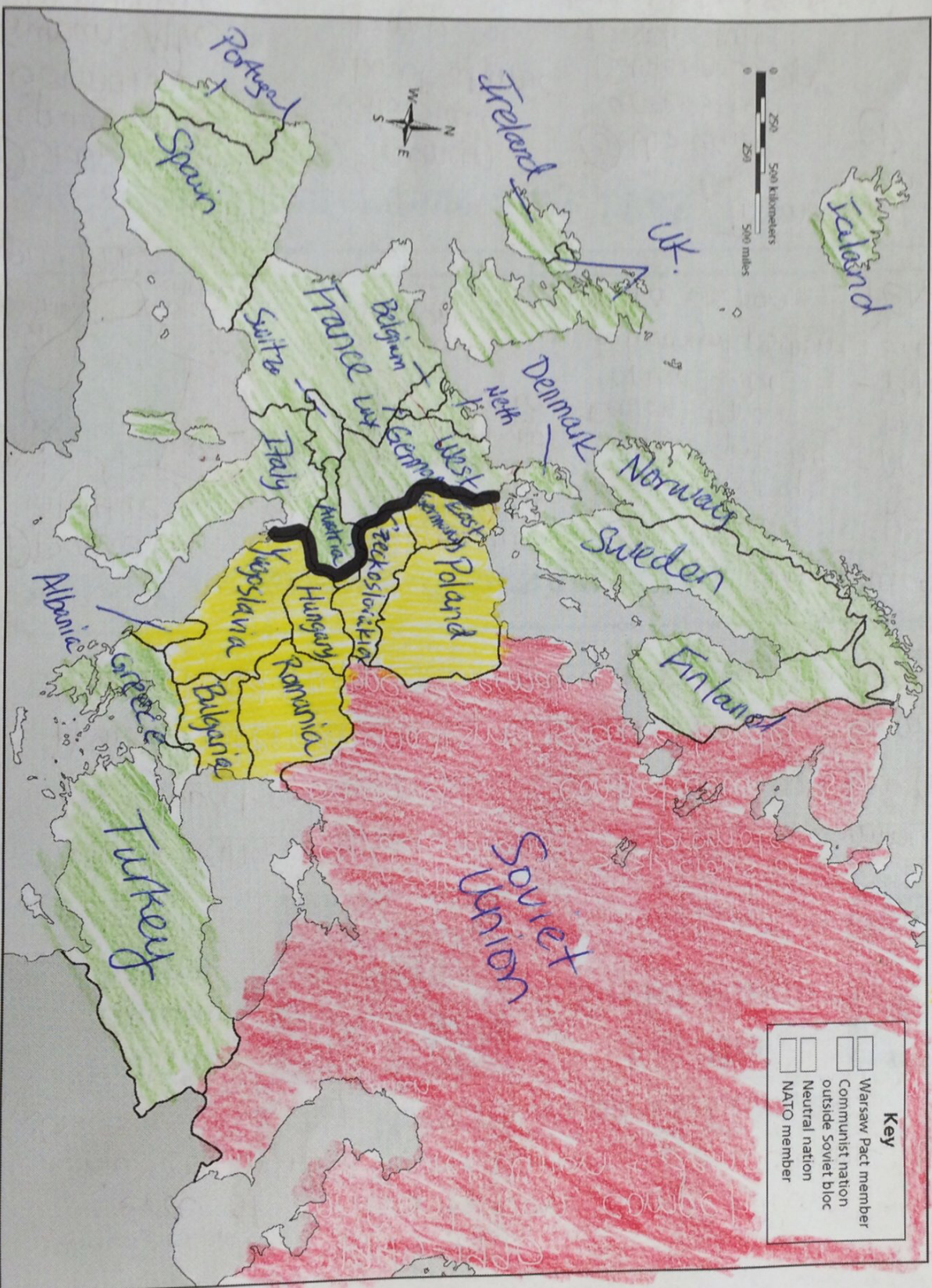
② Truman tells Stalin about atomic bomb

③ US want access to Eastern Europe to sell stuff but Stalin says NO

④ Churchill: "iron curtain"

increase in tension

The Satellite Nations and the Iron Curtain



Key

	Warsaw Pact member
	Communist nation outside Soviet bloc
	Neutral nation
	NATO member

Iron curtain
 free countries
 satellite nation